Library
Wireless Initiative

Overview	The Saint Paul Public Library will initiate a plan to add wireless computer access in all library locations. Phase 1 of this plan will begin in 2006, with wireless being offered at the Rondo Community Outreach Library and the Central Library.
Why is the Mayor proposing this initiative?	Mayor Coleman is committed to bringing our library system into the 21st century. As a result, the Mayor is proposing an initiative to bring enhanced wireless service to give residents new access to technologies.
	The hours that a library is open is not the only measure of how accessible its services or collections are. Since more and more databases and information are being offered via the web, it is important that the library make this information available to as many people as possible while keeping costs down.
	A cost effective way to add more access to library resources is to add wireless access at library locations. This will allow those who have their own computers to use the library more effectively. When space and stationary PCs are limited, wireless will also allow the library to add more access to by offering laptops for use in library locations for those who do not own a portable computer.
How will it work?	The Library will use non-personnel dollars to add wireless at Rondo and Central Libraries in 2006. Highland and Sun Ray, two other locations that are open longer hours, will be the next two sites targeted for wireless.
	The goal is, it that by the end of 2007, nine of the library's twelve locations will be wireless and that new programs, including much needed computer instruction, will be offered regularly at all library locations.